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LOK SABHA

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TOILETS FOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether millions of people are reported to have no access to toilets in the country;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): According to Census of India, 2001, in urban areas 14,110,936 households have no latrines.

(c): Under low Cost Sanitation Scheme, a centrally sponsored scheme, dry latrines are converted into twin-pit flush latrines and new units are constructed where non exists. The scheme is limited to urban towns having population upto 5 lakhs only. Besides, under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan, a component under the Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY), community toilets are being constructed for the urban slums living below poverty line.